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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE WHOLE QUESTION OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN ALL THEIR ASPECTS

Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Sweden, Togo, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay and Uzbekistan: draft resolution

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 49/59 of 9 December 1994, by which it adopted the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel,

Gravely concerned by the continuing attacks and acts of violence against United Nations and associated personnel that have caused death or serious injury,

Conscious of the need effectively to promote and protect the safety and security of the personnel who act on behalf of the United Nations, attacks against whom are unjustifiable and unacceptable,

Recognizing that United Nations and associated personnel, while carrying out their activities in support of the fulfilment of the mandate of a United Nations operation, are acting in the common interests of the international community,

Considering that the entry into force of the Convention would strengthen arrangements for the protection of personnel who act on behalf of the United Nations,

Noting, however, that only a small number of States have become parties to the Convention,

Recalling the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, 1/ in which, in particular, the Committee called upon Member States to ratify the Convention so as to ensure its early entry into force,

1. Welcomes all signatures, ratifications, acceptances, approvals and accessions to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel;

2. Urges all States that have not yet done so to consider signing, ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to the Convention, to bring about the entry into force of the Convention at the earliest possible date;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to take the necessary steps to facilitate the dissemination of information relating to the Convention and to promote its wider appreciation;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the status of the Convention and on the steps taken pursuant to paragraph 3 above.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: amendments to the draft resolution on the questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Tokelau, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands, contained in document A/51/23 (Part VI), chapter X, paragraph 17

Draft resolution A - General

1. Third preambular paragraph

Delete and all resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to those Territories, including,

2. Seventh preambular paragraph

Delete the paragraph

3. Eleventh preambular paragraph

For Noting read Welcoming

4. Nineteenth preambular paragraph

Delete the paragraph

5. Operative paragraph 1

For Approves read Takes note of

6. Operative paragraph 3

For of the legitimate political status options open to them in the exercise of their right to self-determination read of their right to self-determination in conformity with legitimate political status options, including those defined in resolution 1541 (XV)

7. Operative paragraph 4

For the existing text substitute:

4. Requests the administering Powers to report to the Secretary-General on the wishes and aspirations of the people of the Territories regarding their political status as expressed in any referendums and other forms of popular consultation, including free and fair elections conducted by the Governments of the Territories;

4 bis. Requests the administering Powers to report to the Secretary-General the results of any informed and democratic processes conducted by the Governments of the Territories which indicate the clear and freely expressed wish of the people to change the existing status of the Territory;

8. Operative paragraph 5

Delete the paragraph

9. Operative paragraph 6

For the existing text substitute

6. Reaffirms that visiting United Nations missions to the Territories at an appropriate time and in consultation with the administering Power are one effective means of ascertaining the situation in the Territories, and requests the administering Powers to keep the possibility of such missions under review;

10. Operative paragraph 10

Delete the paragraph

11. Operative paragraph 13

For the existing text substitute

13. Requests the Special Committee to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session on all relevant information received pursuant to the present resolution.

Draft resolution B

Draft resolution B.II - Anguilla

Delete the second preambular paragraph

Draft resolution B.III - Bermuda

Delete the fifth preambular paragraph

Draft resolution B.V - Cayman Islands

Delete the second preambular paragraph

Draft resolution B.VI - Guam

1. Second preambular paragraph

Delete increased measure of

2. Third preambular paragraph

For pending the exercise of self-determination by the Chamorro people read pending the expression of the will of the Chamorro people

3. Operative paragraph 1

For facilitate the exercise of self-determination by the Chamorro people of Guam for the Territory, as endorsed by the people of Guam in the draft Guam Commonwealth Act, read receive an expression of the will of the Chamorro people

4. Operative paragraph 3

Insert orderly before transfer

5. Operative paragraph 4

Insert the people of Guam, including before the Chamorro people

6. Operative paragraph 5

(a) For implement read cooperate in establishing

(b) For enterprises by the Chamorro people read enterprises by the people of Guam, including the Chamorro people

Draft resolution B.IX - St. Helena

Operative paragraph 1

For the existing text substitute

1. Notes that the administering Power has noted various statements made by members of the Legislative Council about the Constitution and is prepared to discuss these further with the people of St. Helena, and further notes that the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association recently sent a delegation to study the Constitution and its application with the Legislative Council;

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution

Assistance to Palestine Refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/28 A of 6 December 1995 and all its previous resolutions on the question, including resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948,

Taking note of the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East covering the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996,[1]

Welcoming the signature by the Government of the State of Israel in Washington on 13 September 1993[2] and the Palestine Liberation Organization, the representative of the people of Palestine, of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements and the subsequent implementation agreements, as also the signature of the Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in Washington on 28 September 1995,

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[1] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 13 (A/51/13).

[2] A/48/486-S/26560, annex.

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Encouraging the Multilateral Working Group on Refugees of the Middle East peace process to continue its important work,

Welcoming also the completion of the transfer of the headquarters on the Agency to its area of operations,

1. Notes with regret that repatriation or compensation of the refugees, as provided for in paragraph 11 of its resolution 194 (III), has not yet been effected and that, therefore, the situation of the refugees continues to be a matter of concern;

2. Expresses its thanks to the Commissioner-General and to all the staff of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, recognizing that the Agency is doing all it can within the limits of available resources, and also expresses its thanks to the specialized agencies and to private organizations for their valuable work in assisting refugees;

3. Notes with regret that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine has been unable to find a means of achieving progress in the implementation of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III),[3] and requests the Commission to exert continued efforts towards the implementation of that paragraph and to report to the Assembly as appropriate, but not later than 1 September 1997;

4. Notes the significant success of the peace implementation programme of the Agency since the signing of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, and stresses the importance that contributions to this programme are not at the expense of the General Fund;

5. Welcomes strengthened cooperation between the Agency and the World Bank and other specialized agencies, and calls upon the Agency to make a decisive contribution towards giving a fresh impetus to the economic and social stability of the occupied territories;

6. Urges all Member States to extend and expedite aid and assistance with a view to the economic and social development of the Palestinian people and the occupied territories;

7. Reiterates its concern regarding the continuing seriousness of the financial position of the Agency, as outlined in the report of the Commissioner-General;

8. Commends the efforts of the Commissioner-General to move towards budgetary transparency and internal efficiency, and hopes that such moves will continue;

9. Notes with profound concern that the structural deficit problem confronting the Agency portends an almost certain decline in the living

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[3] A/51/439, annex.

conditions of the Palestine refugees and that it, therefore, has possible consequences for the peace process;

10. Calls upon all Governments, as a matter of urgency, to make the most generous efforts possible to meet the anticipated needs of the Agency, including the costs of moving the headquarters to Gaza, and urges non-contributing Governments to contribute regularly and encourages contributing Governments to consider increasing their regular contributions.